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BUSINESS STAGNATION

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NEW YORK, Mar. 28.—"Dismissal of 25,000 men by the New York Central railroad since December 1," said A. D. Hardin, vice president of that road today, is only a barometer of the company's business.

"The reduction of forces was not arbitrary," he added. "It came about gradually as traffic mainly freight declined, and while I don't want to be a pessimist, I cannot see any immediate prospect that business will pick up and these men come back to work."

Mr. Hardin said this condition affected most of the eastern railroads. Of the 25,000 men dismissed by the New York Central about 15,000 were laid off on lines east of Buffalo and 10,000 west of Buffalo.

Although the reduction affected all branches of the service, the employees of the construction, operation and maintenance of way departments suffered most.

"Compared with 1913," said Mr. Hardin, "the business of this year on the New York Central suffered a reduction of from eight to ten per cent. The reduction of the working force has been on the same ratio."

FLOOD STAGES

Are Reported Today from the Upper Allegheny River with Rapid Rise.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Mar. 28.—Flood stages were reported from the upper Allegheny river today. At Warren, Pa., it was rising rapidly and much damage has been done. Trolley and railroad lines were reported in trouble and a number of factories had shut down.

The local weather bureau had declared that this water would likely be taken care of in the streams farther south and only twenty feet was predicted for Pittsburgh, two feet under the flood stage. There is no flood in the Monongahela and no immediate prospect of one. One death was reported from Bradford.

ON RAMPAGE

Are Some of the Rivers in the State of Ohio Following Heavy Rains There.

CINCINNATI, Mar. 28.—The Big Miami and White Water rivers and other small streams in this section went on a rampage early today as the result of the heavy rains of the last twenty-four hours. Two temporary bridges, used by the Cincinnati, Lawrenceburg and Aurora Traction Company were washed away, cutting off traffic between Cincinnati and Indiana towns. These bridges were erected for temporary service following the washing away of the structures by the flood of March, a year ago.

Lower bottom farm lands between Valley Junction and Elizabethtown, O., were also inundated. The rivers have receded into their banks and further damage is not expected.

MASQUERADES FROM CHILDHOOD AS MAN

Serves in Army as Such and Sex is Not Discovered for Sixty Years.

QUINCY, Ill., March 28.—After masquerading as a man for sixty years and serving as a soldier in General U. S. Grant's army during the Civil War, "Albert" Cashier, whose sex was discovered today was committed to an asylum. She was born in Ireland 73 years ago. She came to America as a stowaway clad in boy's clothes.

When the war between the states broke out, she, having continued to represent herself as a man, enlisted in Company G, 95th Illinois infantry. When the war closed she resumed civil life as a workman until age and the result of exposure during the war made her helpless to support herself. She then entered the soldiers' home, where her sex was discovered while she was under the care of a surgeon.

RECAPS BILL.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28.—After striking out the amendment legalizing pooling, the Senate today rejected the bill to regulate trading in cotton futures.

PREACHER OPENS LUNCH ROOM

The Rev. N. A. Narriott, formerly pastor of the Union Baptist church of New Bedford, Mass., has returned to that city from the Rocky Mount (N. C.) Zion Baptist church and has opened a lunch room. He says the lunch room business is more lucrative and more healthy than preaching.

COMPENSATION

Laws for Workmen Are Rapidly Superseding Employers' Liability Laws.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—Workmen's compensation laws are rapidly superseding employers' liability laws as a method of dealing with the results of industrial accidents according to the federal bureau of labor in a report today on its investigation into the subject, both in the United States and foreign countries. The report reviews in detail the history of such legislation and presents the actual results to beneficiaries under federal and state laws. It shows that twenty-three states have enacted workmen's compensation laws and that these laws have been thus far declared constitutional by the courts of last resort in Massachusetts, New Jersey, Ohio, Washington and Wisconsin.

STORING COAL

Are Railroads and Manufacturers in Anticipation of a Coal Miners' Strike.

WHEELING, Mar. 28.—Anticipating a suspension of operations in the coal mines of eastern Ohio and northern West Virginia, railroads and manufacturing plants in this section have again commenced to store coal. John Zelenka, secretary of the Pittsburg Vein Operators Association, with headquarters here, is authority for the statement that in addition to the difficulties presented by the new run of the mine law in Ohio the miners of this sub-district have presented additional demands that make settlement almost impossible by April 1. Suspension will affect about 40,000 men.

SPRING FLOODS

Set in through the Valleys of New York and Property Damage is Done.

NEW YORK, March 28.—Spring floods have set in through the valleys of the state and already much property damage is reported. The warm weather of the past few days has melted much of the heavy snow which fell earlier in the month and this, with a steady fall of rain throughout the night, has swollen all the streams many of which are out of the banks flooding the lowlands.

WOMAN ACQUITTED.

A criminal court jury Friday evening acquitted Mrs. Andrea Parsley tried on a charge of passing a bad check for \$64 on William Lee, a West Milford merchant. She is a sister of "Bud" Price, notorious check forger now serving time in the state penitentiary at Moundsville.

LOCAL AGENT.

James M. Shields has accepted a position with the Royal Standard Typewriter Company, of New York, and will sell their machines in this section of the state. He will make this city his headquarters.

EIGHT DRUNKS.

Eight drunks were arraigned in police court Saturday morning. Three of them contributed fines into the city treasury and the other five were released.

MEN DROWNED

When Freeman's Bridge Across the Mohawk River is Swept Away Today.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Mar. 28.—Two unidentified men were drowned when Freeman's bridge over the Mohawk river, two miles west of here, was swept away today. The damage done here by the high water this far amounts to \$200,000. The river was falling this afternoon and it was believed the danger had passed.

FIRE

Destroys Cableroom and Wires and All Telephone Lines Are Out of Commission.

WORCESTER, Mass., Mar. 28.—Worcester was without telephone service today as the result of a fire which broke out in the central exchange at 3 o'clock in the morning. The fire started in the cableroom and worked through the network of cables that carry the 18,000 telephone lines of the city to the switchboard. Even partial service cannot be restored for several days.

Virgil L. Highland returned Saturday morning from Baltimore. Samuel A. Elliott was here Saturday from McAlpin.

NATIONAL HONOR IN BALANCE NOW

Asserts Congressman Harrison in Speaking against Tolls Repeal.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 28.—The legislative battle over the repeal of the free tolls provision of the Panama canal act was renewed in the House today, where administration supporters flushed by their victory in the opening contest yesterday were jubilant, predicting that they would win when a vote is had on the repeal bill itself. The contest in the House today was largely of an oratorical character although administration and anti-administration supporters continued their efforts to strengthen their forces for the final vote, which is expected to occur next Tuesday or Wednesday.

Representative Harrison, Democrat, of Mississippi, was one of the early speakers when the debate was resumed. Although admitting his anxiety to "follow the president and comply with his wishes," Mr. Harrison said he could not reconcile his conscience to the president's views and surrender to Great Britain a principle of national honor and integrity. "I prefer to follow the platform of my party and stand up for the integrity and honor of my government," he said, explaining his stand opposing the repeal bill. "Free tolls will aid the farmers and manufacturers of the Mississippi valley to ship their products down the river to the Pacific coast at cheaper rates than are now charged by the railroads," he said. "It would probably open up another market on the Pacific coast, where there are natural manufacturing advantages for the farmers of Mississippi and other southern states."

MERCHANTS

Of City Are Engaging Space Liberally in Spring Fashion Number of Telegram.

What to wear this spring and summer? That's the big question that will be fully answered in the Daily Telegram's spring fashion number which will be issued Wednesday, April 1. By picture and the newest styles from the world's fashion centers will be presented to Telegram readers by the best artists and writers. The Clarksburg merchants will tell you where you can buy your spring and summer clothing, furnishings, etc., and what the cost will be.

The following leading merchants have already reserved large spaces in the fashion section for their announcements: The D. M. Ogden Company, The Parsons-Souders Company, The Apollo, Bon Ton store, T. J. Lynch and Company, Hez and Company, Fuel City Pressing Company, Barker's Underclothing Store, Lyman, Theater Sturms' Millinery, Mrs. M. E. Black-Krueh, Switzer Brothers, Coffman, the Tailor, Donohue and Johnson, H. A. Nussbaum, Inc., Highland Bros. and Gore, Hayman Greenhouse Company, Dudley's, florists; Snider Furniture Company, The Vogue Millinery, Newman, W. York, Grand Leader Store and Clarksburg Furniture Company.

FREE RIDES

Are Not Popular But the Order Brings Burlesque to Riots and Tragedies.

TOLEDO, O., Mar. 28.—Only one-tenth of one per cent of the patrons of the Toledo Railway and Light Company cars are taking advantage of the opportunity to ride free and the result of injunction proceedings brought by the company against the city. An ordinance requiring the company to carry all passengers at straight three cent fare became effective at 12:01 o'clock this morning. The company instructed conductors to refuse three cent fares, but passengers who refused to pay more were carried free. The free ride order led to rioting and tragedy to ensue and removed all grounds for disorder.

POSTMASTERS

Of the Fourth Class Are Appointed for a Number of Places in State.

West Virginia postmasters of the fourth class have been appointed as follows: Morgan W. Pendry at Keyrock, Wyoming county, in place of B. Hayes Cook, resigned; J. Douglas Hinkle at Vinton, Upshur county, in place of Susan R. Madden, resigned; David S. Hunt, at Williams, Mercer county, in place of James W. Daniel, resigned; Gordon C. Wood at Standard, Kanawha county, in place of Walter S. Wood, resigned; and Oscar T. Hughes at Surveyor, Raleigh county, in place of James Daniel, removed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 28.—Postmaster of absence to all postmasters of the third and fourth classes in West Virginia for as many days as may be necessary, not exceeding five, to enable them to attend the convention of the West Virginia State League of Postmasters to be held at Huntington May 22 and 23.

PROHIBITION LAWS WILL BE EXPLAINED



Fred O. Blue, of Charleston, state commissioner of prohibition, will deliver an address at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the Robinson Grand theater here. He will discuss and explain the state prohibition laws and tell his auditors what his department expects to do to enforce those laws. The subject is an interesting one and as no admission will be charged the theater doubtless will be packed to the limit.

CONFERENCE

Of Farm Demonstration Work Here Three Days Very Instructive to Farmers.

The conference of the men employed in farmers' co-operative demonstration work in West Virginia, which has been in session here for three days, came to a close here this afternoon in the court house with addresses made by James M. Jones and I. C. Hill, of Washington, and C. R. Tidlow, of Morgantown. The meeting this afternoon was largely attended by farmers from all parts of the county. The conference was well attended at all sessions and much good was derived from it.

The morning session of the farm agents at the Gore hotel was taken up with general discussion, at the close of which a committee was formed to challenge the men employed in the same work in adjoining states and this fall select and see which state has made the most progress in agriculture work.

The morning session of the district superintendents of the club work was a very busy one, many topics being discussed. W. D. Zinn, of Phillips, gave a short talk on pasture and meadow lands; H. S. Vandervort, of Kanawha county, discussed hog cholera; I. C. Jones, district farm agent for Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia and Maryland, gave instructions to the district superintendents as to how to make out reports to state agents and submit state reports.

Prof. Hill also advised the district superintendents to try to reach the obstinate farmer who will not take up the work by getting his boys and girls interested in the boys' and girls' clubs.

Nat C. Frame discussed the use of ammonia sulfate instead of nitrate of soda as a fertilizer. In his discussion he showed that by using ammonia sulfate which is a by product of coke instead of the nitrate of soda three million dollars would be saved to the state annually, and it would greatly increase the coke industry in the state.

W. H. Kendrick, state agent of the boys' and girls' clubs, gave a short talk on corn and B. B. Ezell, of Kanawha county, closed the session by telling the methods used in his county to increase the production of potatoes.

W. E. Hoffmann, field agent of the West Virginia Good Roads Association, stated at the close of the good roads meeting held in the court house Friday afternoon that he would remain in the county a week and make a personal canvass for members of the good roads association and that when he had secured enough members he would call a meeting and form a county association.

RIVERS HIGH

In States of New York and Pennsylvania as the Result of Rain Downpour.

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 28.—The Susquehanna and Delaware rivers, which rise in New York state, were running high today. Besides bringing down flood waters from the Empire state these rivers are greatly swollen by the melting snow on the mountains and by the steady rain that set in late last night.

At Wilkes Barre, the lowlands are covered with water and street and traffic with towns on the west side of the Susquehanna has been cut off. The Susquehanna is also reported at Towanda, Williamsport, Harrisburg and at other points between the New York state line and Chesapeake bay. The state water supply commission has issued a warning that the river would go above the danger line tomorrow.

A. C. Hughes, of Weston, was in the city last evening.

From the East in Large Numbers Are Here from Eastern Cities

ON AN INSPECTION TRIP

And as Guests of Colonel Jere H. Wheelwright of City of Baltimore.

Prominent capitalists and financiers of New York City, Washington, Baltimore and other eastern cities, numbering about 125, paid Clarksburg a visit Saturday and inspected several of the industries in which they are interested, as guests of Col. Jere H. Wheelwright, of Baltimore, president of the Consolidation Coal Company.

The party also visited other cities and towns along the upper Monongahela valley, making the journey from Baltimore in a special train of eleven Pullman coaches, six being new steel sleeping cars, four being new dining cars that were lately installed by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, and the other being Cumberland and Pennsylvania official car No. 101, which carried former Senator C. W. Watson, of Fairmont, and a party of New York and London financiers who joined the other party at Baltimore.

The special train left Baltimore Friday night and proceeded directly to Weston, arriving there at 8 o'clock Saturday morning. It was scheduled to stop at Clarksburg at 7 o'clock but a slight change was made in the plans and it proceeded to Weston.

On arriving at Weston, the members of the party were welcomed by a reception committee of Weston business men and escorted to the principal industries there. They also inspected the new improvements to the Monongahela Valley Traction Company's line and terminal there and at 9 o'clock boarded three special trolley cars on that line, on which they were conveyed to Clarksburg. Stops were made for inspection of the big plant owned by the Owens Bottle Company on the Oak Mound farm southwest of the city and of the traction company's big car barn here.

Arriving at the Interurban Station here, the cars were taken, without a stop, around Fourth and Main streets to Grassell and other eastern cities, where big industrial plants were visited. The cars then went westward to Wilsonburg and returned to the Waldo, hotel, where at 1:30 a palatable luncheon was served in the large banquet hall.

After dinner, members of the party took jaunts around the central business section of the city, called upon business men and discussed business affairs and other matters of mutual interest. At 2 o'clock the journey was resumed, the party going to Fairmont on special cars over the interurban traction line.

A stop of fifteen minutes was taken at the Coletrain well of the Fairmont Gas Company. General Manager Evans, "blew off" the well as the visitors watched. Then the party proceeded to Company's gas plant at a stop was made to inspect Consolidation mine No. 43 at Monongah. The special train will arrive at Jefferson street at 6 o'clock this evening and an immediate inspection of the Watson building at inspection of the Watson building will carry the members of the party to the room where a view of the city may be had.

The special railroad train, when left at Weston this morning, was "deadheaded" to Fairmont and the cars were placed upon Walker's Sidling, which will be handy for the members of the party. When they leave the Watson building the easterners will repair to their train and get ready for dinner.

Tomorrow the party will breakfast at 8:30 and then take trolley cars for a ride over Fairmont and then to Fairview on the Fairview division. Departing their train will leave for Baltimore about 1 o'clock.

Col. Wheelwright's guests aboard the special train are: Senator C. W. Watson, Samuel Roberts, vice president National City Bank, New York; A. J. Hemphill, president Guaranty Trust Co., New York; J. J. Hanauer, Kuhn, Loeb & Co., New York City; D. A. Thomas, England; A. W. Thompson, third vice president, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company; F. L. Stuart, chief engineer Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company; Van Lear Black; Thomas S. Wheelwright, president Virginia Railway & Power Co., Richmond; Robert Garrett, Major John S. Gibbs, William M. Hayden, president East Savings Bank, Baltimore; Howard Bruce, director Fairmont Gas Co., Baltimore; Trust Co., Baltimore; John M. Dennis, director Fairmont Gas Co. and Louis Muller & Co.; J. C. Fencl, Robert Garrett & Sons; Robert D. Hopkins, vice president Drovers & Mechanics National Bank, Baltimore; T. Edward Hamilton, John M. Little, president National Marine Bank, Baltimore; John S. Gibbs, Jr., director Fairmont Gas Co.; Arthur D. Foster, president National Bank of Baltimore, Baltimore; Joseph P. Kennedy, director Fairmont Gas Co.; T. Vinton Landale, cashier National Exchange Bank, Baltimore; Edgar G. Miller, president Title Trust & Guaranty Co., Baltimore; H. A. Overick, president Baltimore Stock Exchange; Thornton Rolme, president Maryland National Bank, Baltimore; Charles E. Riegan, president Western National Bank, Baltimore; H. B. Wilcox, president First National Bank, Baltimore; Henry M. Warfield, Baltimore; Prof. William Muldon, New York; J. E. Dodson.

BODY IS FOUND IN CLUMP OF BUSHES

Woman High School Teacher is Apparently Murdered with a Knife.

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Are Not to Be New with a Society Just Formed in the City of Washington.

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The two cases having followed almost identical careers throughout, and the indictment against Mr. Cooper having been returned by the grand jury, there is naturally interest among West Virginians here as to what will be done in the case of those who filed the charges against Judge Dayton.

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FAIRMONT NAMED.

C. F. Birckel, of Fairmont, has been appointed a clerk in the surveyor general's office at Olympia, Wash.